

inclines to say that this is something entirely new, let him honestly inquire into the history of the case, since, from the invention of printing, when the Bible was first published in churches for the free use of all comers, down to the present day, the Catholic Church, while restrictive on certain occasions, has always encouraged the free use of the sacred word among all classes, though no limitation is given to the ignorant and the unlearned to expound it to their own destruction. As an example, take the letter of Pius VI, addressed in 1776 to the Archbishop of Florence, thanking him for sending out an edition of the Bible in the Italian tongue for the free use of the people. He tells the translator: you judge exceedingly well that the faithful should be excited to the reading of the Bible, and the church should declare the Bible not to be the Word of God, the world would be the better for it. The church authenticated the Bible, holds a true position toward the Bible. This is what renders it safe in the midst of a hostile world. The church stands behind the book and cannot allow it to fail. The Bible might perish, but the church would remain.

TRADITION IN EARLY PROTESTANTISM.

We are indeed familiar with the declaration, "The Bible only is the religion of Protestants." This is the famous motto of Chillingworth, but it does not form a notable declaration when taken in accordance with its context. If its author could return today and hear himself quoted he would be profoundly